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MEMORANDUM TO: J. J.

SUBJECT: Guidance for Establishment of Relationship Between  
Pancho and President Perez Jimenez

1. Upon your arrival in Tegucigalpa, at the opportune moment you will indicate to Pancho that the group is experiencing financial difficulties in meeting his commitments to the Junta. You will make it perfectly clear that the group will be able to see Pancho through his operations, but nevertheless if it is possible to obtain additional financial support from other sources such as previously offered by the President of Venezuela, such offer should be reconsidered. In addition to the matter of possible additional financial support for this undertaking, you might indicate also the desirability of having several additional aircraft available, if only on emergency basis, to assist in the operation.
2. If Pancho responds, you will then proceed to explain that in view of the excellent support being rendered by [ ], it is believed that he would be willing to base any Venezuelan aircraft (unmarked) at the [ ] Airfield on a standby basis. The type of aircraft (preferably no less than two fighter aircraft) should be flown from Venezuela after having been sterilized with the crews properly oriented and briefed to use the cover story of Venezuelan mercenaries. The only understanding which is vital in this instance is that any Venezuelan personnel supporting the Junta should be clearly instructed to accept the direction and command of Pancho. This point should be greatly stressed as without such firm agreement the group envisions the possibility of very serious difficulties ensuing from uncoordinated action.
3. Indicate to Pancho that the group is very cognizant of his vital role in Tegucigalpa and the importance of his remaining there to handle the numerous complex daily problems. Further the group having regard for his personal safety will urge that he not unduly expose himself by international travel. Therefore, it is the opinion of the group that although the Venezuelan aid subject is of considerable importance, nevertheless if it is at all possible, Pancho should endeavor to select a suitable emissary to conduct these negotiations.
4. In conducting this discussion, endeavor to keep your decisions open in order to provide the group an opportunity to comment and/or guide you further before final plans are concluded.

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5. As a possible additional bargaining point vis a vis Venezuela, it might be well to point out that the successful elimination of the Communist government in Guatemala would contribute to early changes in the Costa Rican Government, which is of no small interest to P. J.